Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1844.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 10th September, A. D. 1844, R. A. M. 2374.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SIMON W. ROBINSON, .	Grand Lecturer.
" HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Member.—DANIEL L. GIBBENS.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Voted, That when the Grand Chapter close, it remain

closed until Tuesday, the 24th inst., then to meet for the choice of officers.

An application for charity was received from widow Phebe Brazer, through Comp. Caleb Butler, and the consideration thereof postponed to the 24th inst.

On motion of M.E. Daniel L. Gibbens, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to Comp. Caleb Butler and ascertain from him the amount of pecuniary aid which has been granted to the widow Phebe Brazer, from the funds of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was then closed until Tuesday, the 24th inst., with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held by adjournment at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday evening, 24th September, A. D. 1844, R. A. M. 2374.

PRESENT:

M.E. ELIJAH ATHERTON, . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN R. BRADFORD, .	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe.
" ABRAHAM A. DAME, .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.

Comp. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand Lecturers.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" HUGH H. TUTTLE, .	Grand Marshal.
" RUEL BAKER, .	Grand Steward.
" ELIAS HASKELL,	Committee of Finance.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" RUEL BAKER,	
" SAMUEL WALES,	Committee of Charity.
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

AUGUSTUS PEABODY,	JOHN B. HAMMATT,
EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	ENOCH HOBART.

Members.

Joel Talbot, High Priest of Mount Zion Chapter.
Leonard Hodges, King " " " "
Winslow Lewis, Jr., proxy for Levi Rawson, High Priest of Sutton Chapter.
Samuel Wales, proxy for Asa Woodbury, Scribe of Sutton Chapter.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary correct the record of the proceedings in March last, by inserting the name of John T. Tasker, the individual expelled from Washington Chapter, Portsmouth, N. H.

The Grand Secretary reported, that agreeably to a vote passed at the last meeting, he had written to Comp. Caleb Butler, of Groton, for information as to the amount of aid

granted to widow Phebe Brazer, and that Comp. Butler had written in reply, as follows: "that Mrs. Brazer never received any pecuniary aid from the M.E. Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, saving the sum of five dollars, by vote at the annual meeting in September, 1843."

Whereupon, it was *Voted*, That the sum of ten dollars be granted to Mrs. Phebe Brazer, and that the same be allowed to Comp. C. Butler, on his note due to the Grand Chapter.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was presented by M.E. S. W. Robinson, read and accepted.

GRAND CHAPTER, Boston, Sept. 24, 1844.

The Committee of Finance having examined the Treasurer's account, ask leave to report:—

That they find it correctly cast and properly vouched. The Treasurer has received, the past year, of St. Andrew's Chapter $21, of St. Paul's $9, of Mount Zion $6, of Sutton Chapter $12, and of Jeremiah Kilbourn, money collected by him of Levi Smith, the further sum of $19, making in all the sum of $67, and there was remaining in the Treasurer's hands at the last settlement .82 cts., making the whole amount of credits $67.82, and the Treasurer has disbursed during the past year $43, and has exhibited the proper vouchers, leaving a balance in his hands of $24.82.

There is now due from Sutton Chapter $84, for the years 1829 to 1841 inclusive; and from Adoniram Chapter $6, for the year 1843.

Your Committee are gratified, as doubtless is every Companion, to find that the receipts the last year have exceeded the expenditures, in the sum of $24, clearly indicating an increase of prosperity and a more healthy condition of the finances, than for several years past.

Your Committee would recommend that there be paid to the Grand Secretary, for his services the past year, ten dollars. And the Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines any compensation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIAS HASKELL,
S. W. ROBINSON,
RUEL BAKER,
} *Committee of Finance.*

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were then given.

M.E. Comp. Hammatt gave notice that this Grand Chapter was duly represented in the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, at its late meeting holden in New Haven, Conn.

Voted, That M.E. Comps. John R. Bradford, John B. Hammatt, and Simon W. Robinson, be a Committee to revise the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the members of the Committees of Finance and Charity, be authorized to vote in the election of officers this evening.

On motion of Comp. Tuttle, it was *Voted*, That the last vote be reconsidered.

The Grand Chapter then went into Committee of the whole for the choice of officers. M.E. Comp. Edward A. Raymond, was called to preside, and Comps. Enoch Hobart, Samuel Wales, Hugh H. Tuttle, were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

A return of the Grand Chapter was made, when it was found there were 25 voters present.

The following officers were then elected, viz:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, Grand High Priest, unanimously.

M.E. ELIAS HASKELL, Deputy Grand High Priest, receiving 14 votes out of 23 cast.

E. CHARLES W. MOORE, Grand King, receiving 12 votes out of 23 cast on the 2d ballot.

E. RUEL BAKER, Grand Scribe, receiving 13 votes out of 25 cast.

E. JOHN HEWS, Grand Treasurer, receiving 14 votes out of 21 cast.

E. THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary, unanimously.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and reported the foregoing elections, which, after some debate, was accepted by the Grand Chapter.

Voted to proceed to the installation of officers.

M.E. Comps. Hammatt, Raymond, and Robinson, were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Grand High Priest elect, and introduce him for installation. The Committee having attended to the duty assigned them, the M.E. Thos. Tolman, Esq., was installed Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, in ample form, by M.E. Elijah Atherton.

The Grand High Priest then installed the other Grand Officers in the following order, viz: with suitable charge to each.

M.E. ELIAS HASKELL, . . .	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE, . . .	Grand King.

E. RUEL BAKER, ...	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, ...	Grand Treasurer, by Comp. J. B. Hammatt, *proxy*.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, . . .	Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were then announced from the chair, viz:

Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplains.
" E. M. P. WELLS,	
" BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	
Comp. GILBERT NURSE,	Grand Stewards.
" WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr.,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Lecturers.
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" GILBERT NURSE,	
" SAMUEL MILLARD,	
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	Committee of Charity.
" JOHN HEWS,	
" SAMUEL WALES,	
" JOEL TALBOT,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

The usual proclamation was then made by the Grand Marshal.

On motion of M.E. Comp. Hammatt, it was *Voted*, That the Committee of Finance, consisting of Comps. S. W. Robinson, Gilbert Nurse, and Samuel Millard, be a Committee to call upon Comp. A. A. Dame, late Grand Treasurer, and receive from him the books, papers, money, and all other property now in his hands, belonging to this Grand Chapter, and place the same in the hands of Comp. John Hews, the newly elected Grand Treasurer.

On motion of M.E. Comp. E. A. Raymond, the following vote was passed unanimously, viz:

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our E. Comp. A. A. Dame, who has gratuitously discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer for the past twenty-one years, during which period he has not only declined any compensation for his services, but scrupulously allowed interest on the funds which were in the Treasury.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the 24th of September, A. D. 1844, and of R. A. M. 2374, when the following officers were duly elected, viz:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand King.
" RUEL BAKER, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER,	Grand Chaplains.
" E. M. P. WELLS,	
" BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	

Comp. GILBERT NURSE,	Grand Stewards.
" WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr.,	
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Grand Lecturers.
" CHARLES W. MOORE,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

A true copy of the record.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

List of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, ...	Boston.
ST. PAUL'S, ...	Boston.
ADONIRAM, ...	Taunton.
MOUNT ZION, ...	Stoughton.
SUTTON, ...	Sutton.

BOSTON, Oct. 9th, 1844.

CHARLES GILMAN, Esq., *Gen'l Grand Sec'y of the General Grand Chapter, Baltimore, Md.*

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, I herewith transmit you a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, elected at their annual meeting in September last, and also a list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Bos-

ton, Tuesday evening, 11th March, A. D. 1845, R. A. M. 2375.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Gr. High Priest, *pro tem.*
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EDWARD A. RAYMOND,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" RUEL BAKER,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL MILLARD,	Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL WALES,	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.
M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Past Grand High Priest.
E. ROBERT KEITH,	Past Grand Scribe.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

Voted, That Comp. Rawson, High Priest of Sutton Chapter, be permitted to take a seat and to vote, notwithstanding he appears without his appropriate jewel.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to call upon Adoniram Chapter and collect the balance now due from that Chapter.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer procure suitable books for the use of his department, at the expense of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Committee of Finance be requested to

call upon the late Grand Treasurer, A. A. Dame, Esq., for a copy of the records made in his department, while in office.

Voted, That Comps. Elias Haskell, S. W. Robinson, and Ruel Baker, be a Committee to correct a supposed error in the report of the Committee of Finance, made Sept. 24, 1844, relating to the amount received from Sutton Chapter.

M.E. Comp. John B. Hammatt, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, made the following report, which was read and adopted, article by article, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Grand Chapter in September last to revise the Regulations, have had the subject in consideration, and respectfully report the following alterations.

In ARTICLE 1st, of the General Regulations, after the enumeration of the Grand Officers, add "all of whom shall be entitled to vote in the Grand Chapter, excepting the Grand Tyler."

ART. 2. Strike out "two" and insert "four" meetings in a year, and add "June and December," so as to read, "this Grand Chapter shall hold four meetings in a year, to wit: on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December, of which the communication in September shall be the annual communication."

ART. 14. After the words "thirty-one dollars," add "and no candidate shall be balloted for until said fee shall be paid."

ART. 15. Strike out "thirty" and insert "fourteen days."

Should it be the pleasure of the Grand Chapter to print the Regulations, the Committee recommend that the ceremonies of

installing the officers of a Subordinate Chapter, be printed with them.

All which is submitted by

JOHN R. BRADFORD, }
JOHN B. HAMMATT, } *Committee.*

Boston, Feb. 12, 1845.

Voted, That the Grand Rules and Regulations, as revised and amended, be printed for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Communications were received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, certifying that M.E. Samuel Millard, High Priest of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, and M.E. Levi Rawson, High Priest of Sutton Chapter, were admitted and duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, the former November 17, 1844, and the latter on the 11th March, 1845. Their names were accordingly entered on the Roll of High Priests kept with the records of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the four first officers of this Grand Chapter be a Committee to communicate with Adoniram Chapter on the subject of the distribution of the funds of that Chapter.

On motion of M.E. Edward A. Raymond, it was *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter accept of the invitation of King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown, to unite with that body in the celebration of the completion of the Bunker Hill Monument, on the 17th of June next, and that the Grand Secretary notify the Chapters under this jurisdiction of this invitation.

The lecture on the Mark degree and part of the lecture on the Royal Arch degree was given, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest, THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 10th June, A. D. 1845, R. A. M. 2375.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand King.
" RUEL BAKER, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Committee of Finance.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.
M.E. DANIEL L. GIBBENS, } M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, } .	Past Grand High Priests.
E. ROBERT KEITH, . .	Past Grand Scribe.

The following Chapter was represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Boston.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 8 o'clock, and the records of the last meeting read.

Voted, That the order of ceremonies in constituting and dedicating a Royal Arch Chapter, with the installation of the officers thereof, be printed with the Regulations of the Grand Chapter, as revised and adopted at the last stated meeting.

M.E. Comps. Hammatt, Bradford, and Moore, were nominated by the chair and appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the Grand Regulations.

On motion of Comp. Moore, it was *Voted*, That M.E. Thomas Tolman, be added to the above Committee.

The following report was then submitted by M.E. Grand High Priest, read and accepted, viz:

The Committee appointed at the last communication to make enquiry respecting the distribution of the funds of Adoniram Chapter at Taunton, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to submit the following report, viz:

Your Committee have ascertained that in the year 1843, the funds of said Chapter amounted to about $650. These funds were deposited in the Taunton Savings Bank, an institution, which, having sustained losses, will probably never be able to repay the whole amount of its deposits. The Bank, however, has made two dividends, both amounting to 75 per cent. The Chapter received from the Bank about $487. The funds thus received, have not been divided among the members, though a large portion of the money has been distributed with a liberal hand for charitable purposes. It appears from a letter received by your Committee, from the present Treasurer of the Chapter, that from $487 paid by the Bank, about $300, have been expended in donations for charity, and that the balance now in his hands, as he states, is between one and two hundred dollars.

The Committee regret to state, that from information received from various sources, the Chapter at Taunton is not in a prosperous condition. It has been suggested that if it should be removed to New Bedford, the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in that section of the Commonwealth, would be greatly promoted; in this opinion your Committee concur, should a petition hereafter be presented for that purpose.

All which is submitted.

THOMAS TOLMAN,
CHARLES W. MOORE,
RUEL BAKER,
} *Committee.*

Boston, June 10, 1845.

Voted, That the whole subject, relative to Adoniram Chapter, Taunton, be referred to the Council of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, to obtain a copy of the records of the late Grand Treasurer, reported progress, and were granted further time.

Further time was also granted to the Committee appointed to correct a supposed error in the report of the Committee of Finance, made in September last.

Voted, That the M.E. Grand High Priest be authorized to make all necessary appointments of officers in this Grand Chapter, preparatory to the celebration of the 24th inst.

Part of a lecture was given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	Charter dated	A. L. 5769
ADONIRAM, Taunton,	do.	5816
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
SUTTON, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary, Boston.